

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner stated that claims 1-15 and 19-24 (Group I) and claims 16-18 (Group II) claim distinct inventions and required restriction to one of the groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant elects Group I without traverse and has cancelled claims 16-18 without prejudice in the present response. Applicant reserves the right to file the unelected claims in a divisional application.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-15 and 19-24 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-3476.

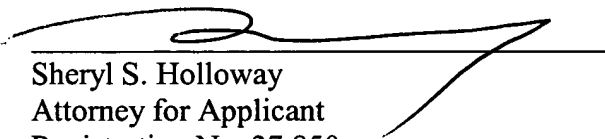
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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